

I voted Yes on H.R. 6016, the Government Employee Accountability Act.

H.R. 6016 would increase the options available to federal agencies to discipline Senior Executive Service employees for misappropriation of funds or serious or flagrant conduct. For example, it would allow employees to be placed on administrative leave for up to 90 days for misappropriation of funds, misconduct, neglect of duty or malfeasance. In the case of misappropriation of funds, it would allow for immediate termination or suspension of an employee without pay for more than 14 days. I supported this bill because it represents a modest step in ensuring senior government officials are held to a high standard, especially when their conduct is flagrant.

The bill was approved by a vote of 402 – 2.